

*In the Claims*

The status of claims in the case is as follows:

- 1        1. [Currently amended] A method for creating a valid
- 2        chart of accounts from which an administrator of a local
- 3        enterprise can facilitate and enable a requisitioner to
- 4        select a valid general ledger account when generating a
- 5        requisition for goods and services, comprising the steps of:
  
- 6              establishing a communication link with an external
- 7              enterprise catalog computer system to build and
- 8              building with reference to said enterprise catalog
- 9              computer system an appropriate chart of accounts in an
- 10          electronic storage device for a given company;
  
- 11          transmitting from said enterprise catalog computer
- 12          system a chart of accounts with descriptions to a
- 13          requisition catalog computer system database in a local
- 14          enterprise specified format;
  
- 15          administrator selecting from said requisition catalog
- 16          computer system database valid accounts with
- 17          descriptions for a given commodity and purchase period

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18 for said given company, said description mapping  
19 general ledger account codes selected by said  
20 administrator to a given commodity code from an  
21 associated accounting computer system ~~for use by said~~  
~~requisitioner to select the correct general ledger~~  
22 ~~account when doing financial validation on a~~  
23 ~~requisition for said commodities;~~  
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25 ~~administrator then associating a selected~~  
26 ~~account/description tuple with company commodity groups~~  
27 ~~for use in a requisition creation process;~~  
28 upon said requester requisitioner initiating a  
29 requisition creation process and selecting a commodity  
30 from a commodity description document,  
31 presenting only those general ledger accounting codes  
32 appropriate for a selected said commodity codes  
33 commodity code to said requisitioner, [[and]]  
34 initiating a proceed to accounting process, and  
35 presenting to said requisitioner a financial worksheet  
36 with valid general ledger accounts numbers and  
37 descriptions ~~for selection by said requisitioner; and~~

38           thereupon said requisitioner completing preparing said  
39           requisition by selecting general ledger accounting  
40           codes, from those presented as appropriate to a  
41           selected commodity code, and populating fields in said  
42           financial worksheet necessary to the creation of valid  
43           requisition with properly designated general ledger  
44           accounting entries codes.

1       2. [Original] The method of claim 1, further comprising  
2       the steps of:

3           requisitioner searching against commodities and  
4           catalogs in commodity description documents and  
5           responsive thereto, creating one or more line items.

1       3. [Currently amended] The method of claim 2, further  
2       comprising the steps of:

3           administrator creating a company commodity document  
4           including for each commodity code under each company, a  
5           commodity category code, a short description, a long  
6           description, key words, approvers, financial  
7           information, route-to buyer by plant association,  
8           preferred supplier, and special handling codes all

9           usable for enabling customer selection of a correct  
10          commodity;

11         requisitioner initiating a proceed to accounting  
12         process, which displays those line items from said  
13         company commodity document which may be selected by  
14         said requisitioner; and

15         displaying to said requisitioner an agent created  
16         financial worksheet with fields which need to be  
17         selected or populated by said requisitioner derived  
18         from said company commodity document, based on purchase  
19         type[[,]];  
  
20         said requisitioner selecting from said company  
21         commodity document and populating to said financial  
22         worksheet thereby presenting valid general ledger  
23         accounts numbers and descriptions to said  
24         requisitioner.

4-14. [Canceled]

1         15. [Withdrawn] A computer program product for creating a  
2         valid chart of accounts from which an administrator of a

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3 local enterprise can facilitate and enable a requisitioner  
4 to select a valid general ledger account, said computer  
5 program product comprising:

6 a computer readable medium;

7 first program instructions to establish a communication  
8 link with an external enterprise catalog computer  
9 system to build an appropriate chart of accounts for a  
10 given company;

11 second program instructions to transmit from said  
12 enterprise catalog system a chart of accounts with  
13 descriptions to a requisition catalog computer system  
14 database;

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16 third program instructions to enable an administrator  
17 to select from said requisition catalog computer system  
18 database valid accounts with descriptions for a given  
19 commodity and purchase period, said description mapping  
20 account codes selected by said administrator to a given  
21 commodity code from an associated accounting computer  
22 system for use by a requester at a computer terminal to  
23 select a correct general ledger account when doing

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24 financial validation on a requisition for said  
25 commodities;

26 fourth program instructions to enable said  
27 administrator to then associate a selected  
28 account/description tuple with company commodity groups  
29 for use in a requisition creation process; and

30 fifth program instructions, responsive to said  
31 requester selecting a commodity from a commodity  
32 description document, to present said commodity codes,  
33 initiate a proceed to accounting process, and to  
34 present to said requisitioner a financial worksheet  
35 with valid general ledger accounts numbers and  
36 descriptions for selection by said requisitioner; and  
37 wherein

38 said first, second, third, fourth, and fifth program  
39 instructions are recorded on said medium.

1 16. [Canceled]

2 17. [Withdrawn] The computer program product of claim 15,  
3 further comprising:

4           sixth program instructions to enable said administrator  
5           to create a company commodity document including for  
6           each commodity code under each company, a commodity  
7           category code, a short description, a long description,  
8           key words, approvers, financial information, route-to  
9           buyer by plant association, preferred supplier, and  
10          special handling codes all usable for enabling customer  
11          selection of a correct commodity;

12         seventh program instructions responsive to said  
13         requisitioner initiating a proceed to accounting  
14         process, to display at a computer terminal line items  
15         which may be selected by said requisitioner; and

16         eighth program instructions to display at said computer  
17         terminal an agent created financial worksheet with  
18         fields which need to be selected or populated by  
19         requisitioner derived from said company commcdity  
20         document, based on purchase type, thereby presenting  
21         valid general ledger accounts numbers and descriptions  
22         to said requisitioner at said computer terminal; and  
23         wherein

24         said sixth, seventh, and eighth program instructions

25           are recorded on said medium.

1       18. [Withdrawn] The computer program product of claim 15,  
2       further comprising:

3           sixth program instructions responsive to said  
4       requisitioner searching against commodities and  
5       catalogs in commodity description documents to create  
6       one or more line items; and wherein

7           said sixth program instructions are recorded on said  
8       medium.

1       19. [Withdrawn] The computer program of claim 18 further  
2       comprising:

3           seventh program instructions for enabling said  
4       administrator to create a company commodity document  
5       including for each commodity code under each company, a  
6       commodity category code, a short description, a long  
7       description, key words, approvers, financial  
8       information, route-to buyer by plant association,  
9       preferred supplier, and special handling codes all  
10      usable for enabling customer selection of a correct

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11 commodity;

12 eighth program instructions responsive to said  
13 requisitioner initiating a proceed to accounting  
14 process to display line items which may be selected by  
15 said requisitioner; and

16 ninth program instructions to display at said computer  
17 terminal an agent created financial worksheet with  
18 fields which need to be selected or populated by said  
19 requisitioner derived from company commodity document,  
20 based on purchase type, thereby presenting valid  
21 general ledger accounts numbers and descriptions to  
22 said requisitioner; and wherein

23 said seventh, eighth, and ninth program instructions  
24 are recorded on said medium.

1 20. [Currently amended] The method of claim 3, further  
2 comprising the steps of:

3 displaying to said administrator an accounting computer  
4 system generated chart of accounts, said chart  
5 including for each account an account identifier and

6 commodity description;

7 responsive to administrator selection, associating a  
8 selected commodity description and account identifier  
9 with a company commodity group document together with  
10 information ~~enabling said requisitioner to select~~  
11 identifying a correct commodity; and

12 responsive to said information, said requisitioner  
13 selecting said correct commodity.

1 21. [Previously presented] The method of claim 20, said  
2 information including commodity description, approvers,  
3 general ledger account, route-to buyer, and preferred  
4 supplier.

1 22-23. [Canceled]